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What is **PRIDE**: Maryland Public Schools?

PRIDE: Maryland Public Schools is a campaign to share success stories about the great things happening in Maryland public schools every day. It's about ...

- ✓ students, teachers, parents, and community partners
- ✓ award-winners and improvers
- ✓ college scholarships
- ✓ students with special needs who are self-sufficient, contributing members of the community
- ✓ businesses that are giving back
- ✓ parents who are making a difference.

It's about focusing on what's working, while we're fixing what's not.

There are many reasons

to be proud of

Maryland

Public Schools...

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Jennifer McFann,
Graduate, Great Mills
High School, St. Mary's
County. Nominated by
Mary M. Washington,
Board Member, St.
Mary's County Board of
Education

Jennifer, a junior at
New York University,
recently wrote a book
published by Scholastic,
Inc., entitled *Laveidem*.
She is currently at work
on her second book.

Comcast, Business Partner

PRIDE: Maryland Public Schools would not be possible without the donation of \$500,000 worth of production and airtime for public service announcements featuring the accomplishments of Maryland students, teachers, and public schools. Business partner Comcast immediately signed on to help get the word out about what is right in public education today. Through the *pro bono* assistance of Comcast and Nevins Public Relations, we are able to share the success stories like those featured in this brochure and on our Web site, and to provide our students with the important message that they should be proud of the schools they attend and of the hard work they do.



A special note from Nancy S. Grasmick

There are countless reasons for us to be proud of Maryland public schools. I can think of about 870,000 individual reasons—the number of students enrolled—and another 55,000—the number of teachers and professional staff who strive every day to make a difference in the lives of those students. For all these reasons, it is our duty to share their stories of success and triumph, dedication and perseverance.

Too often we hear about the negative side of public education—the funding, the aging buildings, the scandals. These are the stories from which headlines and newscasts are made. But we rarely hear the other side. Plenty of public school students go on to achieve at high levels in

colleges across the nation. Others move on to fulfilling careers and lives.

I hope you will join me in applauding the successes of Maryland public schools and will take it a step further by showing your **PRIDE**. Read on to learn more.

Proudly,

Nancy S. Grasmick
Maryland State Superintendent of Schools
Western High School Graduate
Baltimore City Public Schools

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Sharon Malec, Educator, Allegany County Public Schools, English Teacher. Nominated by Karen Devore, Coordinator of Acceleration & Enrichment, Allegany County Public Schools

Through the effort and dedication of this teacher, ninth graders at Westmar High had the opportunity to attend a professional theatrical performance. For many this was their first exposure to live professional performing arts.

Tam Nguyen, Jasmine Jones, Ryan Harris, Kimberly Scott, seniors, Baltimore Polytechnic High School. Nominated by Baltimore City Public Schools. These talented students are the first to be named Baltimore Scholars by the Johns Hopkins University—each earning a four-year scholarship to attend the university. All four are members of the William R. King Chapter of the National Honor Society and have high GPAs and SAT scores between 1120 and 1370. They also excel in other areas. Two are athletes, three are Project Ingenuity students, two are emphasizing science, and two focus on engineering. One is a poet, one volunteers at her church, one belongs to the Entrepreneur's Club, and two are interested in philosophy.

Why should you have **PRIDE** in Maryland Public Schools?

Here are just a few reasons:

1. Maryland Leads the Nation in Advanced Placement (AP) Participation
2. Our SAT Scores Are First in the Middle States Region
3. Maryland School Assessment Scores Improved Statewide
4. Nearly \$500 Million in Scholarships Was Offered to High School Grads
5. Maryland's Students are Among the Best Prepared in the Nation for College

Show your **Pride**

There are many ways you can show your **PRIDE in Maryland Public Schools**, whether you're a teacher, a student, a parent, or a local business leader. Here's how:

- Tear off the nomination form and share a success story.
- Log on to www.marylandpublicschools.org to read the most recent **PRIDE** Profiles and spread the word.
- E-mail PRIDE@marylandpublicschools.org with a nomination or suggestion.
- Feature a **PRIDE** Profile in your company, community, or school newsletter. Just contact us and we'd be happy to share information on local and state success stories.
- Invite Marina Harrison, our **PRIDE: Maryland Public Schools** ambassador, to speak at your school, PTA meeting, or workplace.
- Distribute **PRIDE** materials in your school or workplace.
- Sponsor a **PRIDE** event in your community. Contact us for ideas.
- Become a **PRIDE** corporate or community sponsor to assist with in-kind or monetary **PRIDE** awards, scholarships, and other incentives.

Share a success story!

Nomination Form

Nominator's Name: _____

School System: _____

School (if applicable): _____

Nominator's Phone No. _____ E-mail Address: _____

*Nominate students, parents, teachers, administrators, program directors, support staff, community and business partners, volunteers, or any individual or group that creates a sense of **PRIDE** in Maryland Public Schools.*

Nominee's Name: _____

School System: _____

School (if applicable): _____ Grade: _____

Position: _____

Nominee's Phone No. _____ E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

*Please be as detailed as possible, since we will need to create several **descriptive** sentences for the Web site and other publications.*

Describe Accomplishment: _____

JUST FOLD AND SEND THIS FORM! Or FAX to 410-333-2275.

*Please submit photos or logos we can post on our Web site. E-mail color digital photos (JPEG or GIF format) to accompany your story to **PRIDE@marylandpublicschools.org**.*

*Use "**PRIDE** Pic: Nominee's Name" as the E-mail subject. For example: "**PRIDE** Pic: John Doe."*

For additional information, call 1-888-246-0016.